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Mysuru Plan Area Doubles

Mysuru Development Authority approves expansion from 509 sq.km to 1,200 sq.km

Deputy Commissioner G. Lakshmikanth Reddy, who is also the MDA Chairman, chairing MDA meeting yesterday as MDA Commissioner K.R. Rakshith, Mysuru City Corporation Commissioner Shaikh Tanveer Asif and other officers look on.

Mysuru, Jan. 24 (RK&BCT)- In a move aligned with the State Government's decision to expand the Greater Mysuru City Corporation (GMCC) limits from the existing 86.31 sq. km to 341.44 sq. km, the Mysuru Development Authority (MDA) has resolved to expand the **Local Planning Area (LPA) of Mysuru** from 509 sq.km to 1,200 sq.km.

The decision was taken at the MDA Board meeting held yesterday at its office hall, chaired by DC G. Lakshmikanth Reddy, who is also the MDA Chairman.

The meeting unanimously resolved to extend the Local Planning Area limits, which had earlier been approved, up to 2031.

At present, the LPA includes MCC, Hootagalli City Municipal Council and the Town Panchayats of Bogadi, Srirampura, Rammanahalli and Kadakola. It also covers the Nanjangud City Municipal Council, 19 villages in Nanjangud taluk and 13 villages in Srirangapatna taluk.

With the State Government recently issuing a notification to establish the GMCC, nearly 40 additional villages will come under the expanded Corporation's limits.

(See MYSURU PLAN on page 6)

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MCC Health Officer OUT Executive Engineer IN

Public health at risk as State abolishes Health Officer's post

Engineer to double up as Doctor?!

Mysuru, Jan. 24 (BLU&BCT)- The State Government has abolished the post of Health Officer in the Mysuru City Corporation (MCC). This move has triggered serious concerns about the city's preparedness to handle outbreaks of communicable diseases such as cholera and dengue.

With the post scrapped, the responsibilities of the Health Officer will now be handled additionally by the Executive Engineer of the Corporation's Environment Department, a decision critics say undermines decades of public health safeguards.

While five City Corporations within the Greater Bengaluru Authority limits will continue to have designated Health Officers, the Government has eliminated the post in all other City Corporations across the State, including Mysuru. As a result, the task of preventing, managing and controlling disease outbreaks will now rest with officials who lack medical or public health training.

(See HEALTH OFFICER on page 7)

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Editor: M. GOVINDE GOWDA, M.A.

Mysuru, Saturday 24th January 2026

Yeshasvini Health Scheme

Muslim Co-op. Bank begins enrolment

Mysuru, Jan. 24 (KS) - Following a circular issued by the State Government and the Department of Co-operation for the enrolment of members under the Yeshasvini Health Insurance Scheme for the period 1st April 2026 to 31st March 2027, The Muslim Co-operative Bank Ltd. on New Sayyaji Rao Road will be enrolling its shareholders under the scheme.

As per the scheme guidelines, shareholders of Co-operative Societies are eligible to enrol by remitting a fee of Rs. 1,000, which covers up to four members of a family — shareholder, spouse, son / daughter-in-law, grand-children and unmarried daughter. For each additional member, enrolment can be done by paying Rs. 200 per person. The maximum limit of treatment is Rs. 5 lakh.

There are 55 empanelled hospitals in Mysuru, where Yeshasvini card holders can avail cashless medical treatment. The complete list of empanelled hospitals is displayed on the notice board of the Bank.

The registration process which began on Jan. 17 will go on till Mar. 26, stated a press release from Bank President K.C. Showkath Pasha.

Calling Kodagu Sahakara Sangha members

Mysuru, Jan. 24- Kodagu Sahakara Sangha, Jayalakshmipuram in the city, has called upon all its members to renew or register for Yeshasvini Health Insurance Scheme of the Karnataka Government.

The last date for registration is Mar. 31. For details, Sangha members may contact Ph: 0821-2511987 during office hours, according to a press release.

EDITOR'S BOTTOMLINE

INNER MIND DEFINES LIFE: ***Knowledge and wealth may elevate stature, but their brilliance fades. Lasting greatness arises from virtue and noble character. Humility, as Tiruvalluvar teaches (****Endrum Perumai* **— Kural 978), shapes true character: great minds are humble; lesser minds dwell on achievements. Our strength is defined by the state of our inner mind, not external factors.***

A warrior proves valour on the battlefield and earns fame; the learned earn through intelligence. But a person of character gains lasting respect through straightforwardness, love and compassion. Such noble souls remain humble in the face of success. In any situation, good people face challenges with courage and rise above with grace. Ultimately, the strength of mind and virtue define a well-lived life. Thanneerpalli Sri Krishnan Swamy said a sick person prays to God for his recovery, a poor person prays for wealth and an unmarried person may pray for a virtuous spouse. But a person who lacks self-realisation doesn't even understand that he lacks it, doesn't repent or pray to God to provide the means for self-realisation.

Awareness of this need is the first step to true greatness. By seeking self-realisation and nurturing humility and compassion, one begins a journey towards a life of genuine fulfilment and lasting inner strength. The path to divinity is illuminated by the guidance and grace of a noble Acharya. A true Acharya is one who has studied the Sastras, embodies their teachings and selflessly imparts that wisdom. Lord Krishna teaches in the *Srimad Bhagavad Gita* ***that one's actions should align with the Sastras, which stand as the authority on what is to be done or avoided.*** *— In The Hindu*

NEWS SPARKLERS

Bamboo grows through metal lamp post

Beijing: A bamboo stalk that grew through a 6-metre-long lamp post until it sprouted lush leaves on the other side has become a symbol of resilience and perseverance.

A video of the bamboo stalk that somehow grew through a metal lamp post near the World Trade Plaza in Xinchang County in China has gone viral on social media. Dubbed "Indomitable Bamboo", the plant took root just a few centimetres from the lamp post and made its way inside it through a small opening near the base.

Most plants don't do very well in total darkness. But experts say that bamboo can still grow in the dark because it has a large and well-developed root system and underground stems that can penetrate deep into the soil to absorb water and inorganic nutrients, allowing it to maintain growth in the early stages when there is no light.

The 'Most Terrifying Staircase'

Tokyo: An unusually steep and narrow staircase in Gero, Japan's Gifu Prefecture, has been dubbed the country's most terrifying staircase.

Carved into a 10-meter-high river embankment in the Kanayamacho district of Gero Town, Japan's 'most terrifying staircase' has been getting a lot of attention on social media, after photos of it were shared by an amateur photographer. The staircase looks almost vertical, with narrow steps that you can barely step on and a rusty handrail for support.

The staircase dates back to early 1960s, when authorities decided to build a concrete embankment to protect the district against floods. The staircase was added after locals complained that there was no way for them to reach the riverbank.

HEALTH CAPSULE

Structured Approach to Complex Intestinal Obstruction

Recurrent or long-standing bowel obstruction requires careful evaluation and strategy, not just emergency intervention.

By Dr. Vasudev Pai H - Senior Consultant – Surgical Gastroenterology and HPB Surgery, Manipal Hospitals, Mysuru

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** Health Capsule is not intended to be of a diagnostic nature*

Thathaiah Memorial Lecture Series tomorrow

Thathaiah

Mysuru, Jan. 24 - As part of Thathaiah Memorial Lecture Series, The Anathalaya Mysuru, a Charitable Trust on Narayana Shastry Road in city, has organised a lecture on the experience of retired bureaucrat Dr. Krishna Prasad, former Acting Chairman of Karnataka Public Service Commission (KPSC) on the subject 'Creative Administration' at 11 am on Jan. 25 at Annapoorna Hall in Anathalaya premises.

Anathalaya President and former Additional Secretary to Government of India C.V. Gopinath will preside.

For details, contact Abhilash on Mob: 81520-76187.

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REALLY...?

- ***Titanic's full title was RMS Titanic. RMS stands for 'Royal Mail Steamer'. As well as passengers, the ship carried nearly 3,500 sacks of letters, packages and documents.***
- ***The longest living survivor from Titanic was Millvina Dean, who lived to be 97 years old. She was just a baby when she, her mother and brother made it into one of the lifeboats. Millvina lived to tell the tragic tale until 2009, when she passed away.***
- ***And finally, in 2017, research emerged that it wasn't just an iceberg that sank the Titanic but also a fire that damaged the ship and was covered up by the company that built it.***
- ***The remains of the Titanic at the bottom of the ocean will most likely disappear by the year 2030.***

LAUGHTER THE BEST MEDICINE

Interview for a Company...

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VOICE OF THE READER

Hebbal turns into a garbage dump site

Sir,

Looking at this picture, which is typical of the area, one is left wondering: Is Hebbal First Stage, Ward No. 1, a garbage dump site?

Otherwise, why is there no action from the Mysuru City Corporation (MCC) in clearing the garbage that is left unattended for days and worse still, no action to prevent garbage-throwing by certain unscrupulous people?

This is despite repeated reminders about this ugly menace, both to the concerned office and in this very column earlier.

There are several dump sites in this Ward, created by some irresponsible residents who deem it fit to dump garbage wherever they find some space, without considering it their responsibility to hand it over to MCC's door-to-door garbage collection vehicle.

This is probably 'encouraged' by the local authorities, who look the other way when it comes to taking preventive measures such as identifying these garbage-bugs and slapping fines on them, or deploying a few Pourakarmikas to keep vigil near such sites, rather than merely asking them to remove piles of this dangerous refuse, often with their bare hands.

The problem has reached a truly unpleasant and even dangerous level, with residents living in proximity to these unhygienic dumps avoiding walking and other activities, unable to bear the stench emanating from knee-deep garbage. Will they have to pay a price when some communicable disease or other pestilence spreads due to this menace? Or will the authorities act before it is too late?

An easy reckoning here: The city of Indore in Madhya Pradesh, now rated as the cleanest city in India, is presently reeling under a tragedy with several deaths and scores hospitalised due to contaminated drinking water supply — a situation arising purely from official apathy.

Will Mysuru, too, which was once the cleanest city and still figures among the cleanest on some parameters, one day wake up to an air-borne or other communicable disease caused by its garbage menace?

I request the MCC Commissioner, Health Department and Pollution Control Board to take note of this menace and prevent the area from sliding further down the 'garbage drain.' It is a fundamental right of we residents to live in clean and healthy surroundings. I hope the authorities concerned will spare no effort to ensure the same.

—**Shivaram Nayak**

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NEWS BRIEFS

Ban orders around exam centres

As Karnataka Examination Authority, Bengaluru, will be conducting exams for direct recruitment to various posts in several departments/ institutions at 29 centres in Mysuru, prohibitory orders have been clamped around 200 mts radius of all exam centres from 6 am to 6 pm tomorrow (Jan. 25). Barring the examinees and staff, no other unauthorised person will be allowed entry to the exam centres. Also, carrying of objectionable articles around the exam centres has been prohibited and all photocopy shops and browsing centres in the vicinity of the exam centres are ordered to shut down during exam hours, according to a press release from City Police Commissioner Seema Latkar.

Auto drivers' grievances meet

In order to address the grievances of auto drivers and owners on issues concerning steep hike in FC fee, facilities for auto owners, owner welfare etc., the Samyukta Karnataka Autorickshaw Drivers and Owners Welfare Association has organised grievances meet at the park in front of the City Law Courts Complex on Krishnaraja Boulevard at 11 am tomorrow (Jan. 25). All the auto owners and drivers are appealed to attend this meet. For details, call Mob: 93424-21021.

Technical Talk

The Institution of Engineers-India (IEI), Mysuru Local Centre, has organised a technical talk on 'Post tensioning structures introduction and applications' by Rakshith Shetty, Director/ Technical Head, Canadian Pre-stressing Services Pvt. Ltd., Bengaluru, at its premises on JLB Road in city on Jan. 27 at 6 pm. IEI Mysuru centre Chairman H.S. Suresh Babu will preside.

Alumni Reconnect

Mahajana Education Society (MES) has organised 'Maha Anubandha,' an Alumni Reconnect Programme at Sri Jagadish Prasad Stadium (opp. Mahajana PU College), Jayalakshmipuram, on Jan. 25 at 5 pm. Prof. K.N. Ganesh, Alumnus, former Director, IISER, Pune & Tirupati, SERB National Science Chair, New Chemistry Unit, JNCASR, Bengaluru, will inaugurate the event. T. Maralidhar Bhagavat, President, Mahajana Education Society, Jayalakshmipuram, will preside. MLAs K. Harishgowda & G.D. Harish Gowda (alumnus), University of Mysore VC Prof. N.K. Lokanath, SP Mallikarjun Baladandi and former Chairman & MD of HMT Ltd. (Bengaluru) N. Ramanuja (alumnus) will be the chief guests.

Widening of National Highway-766

Environmentalists oppose felling of trees on Nanjangud-Ooty Road

Mysuru, Jan. 24 (DM)- With the authorities planning to fell down as many as 98 trees for the widening of National Highway (NH)-766, environmentalists severely opposed the move at the public hearing meet held near Ganapathi Temple at Sindhuvallipura on Nanjangud-Ooty Road yesterday.

Speaking at the public hearing, Parashuramegowda of 'Parisarakkagi Naavu' said that the widening of Mysuru-H.D. Kote Road is being done without felling of trees. "This model should be emulated in the widening of NH-766 at Muddanahalli in Nanjangud taluk too. We are living in an era where we have to save the existing trees and at the same time grow more trees. As such, the authorities should prioritise saving the trees. Instead of cutting down 98 trees for widening of NH-766, it is better to scrap the project itself," he argued.

DSS leader Mallahalli Narayana said that it is not correct to destroy our environment and ecology in the name of urbanisation. "We should remember that it is trees which provide us Oxygen, which is vital for living beings. As such, it is not wise to widen roads by felling down trees. Instead, we should save our trees. Saalumarada Thimmakka, who dedicated her entire life for planting and nurturing of saplings and treated trees as children of her own, should be the model for every one of us," he maintained.

Jana Sangram Parishat State Honorary President Nagarle M. Vijaykumar alleged that the National Highway authorities are collecting toll without construction of a service road. "Big lorries transport excessive loads of M-Sand, jelly stones and other construction materials on this Highway. This has resulted in a number of accidents taking place causing fatalities and injuries among motorists. The authorities have failed in regulating heavy and overloaded vehicles on this Highway," he noted.

KRS (Karnataka Rashtra Samiti) party leader Ravikumar, also an Advocate, opined that it is the responsibility of the Government to protect our environment, ecology, forests and wildlife. "Nobody has the right to destroy our fragile environment in the name of development. It is the responsibility of everyone to save our environment for future generations. Everyone should take note of the adverse impact that felling of trees would have on our already polluted atmosphere and its effects on climate change," he pointed out.

Environmental activists, DSS leaders, Raitha Sangha members and members of the public who attended the meeting, unanimously urged to either change the project DPR or scrap the project itself.

Deputy Conservator of Forests (DCF) Sumitra said, she would forward the opinion of the public to higher authorities. Efforts would be made to save the trees, she added.

RFO Nithin, DSS leader Mallesh, 'Parisarakkagi Naavu' Members Bhanu Prashanth, Bhagya, Susheela, Suguna, Kamakshi Gowda, Ganesh, Bangara Nayaka, Sarthak and others were present.

Auto drivers assault bike taxi passenger; Police action sought

Mysuru, Jan. 24 (BCT)- Even as news of the Karnataka High Court permitting bike taxi services went viral yesterday, another video has surfaced showing auto drivers allegedly assaulting a Rapido bike passenger in Mysuru.

The video is now widely circulating on social media.

The incident took place at Mysuru City Railway Station, where a 19-year-old youth had booked a Rapido bike to leave the premises. Local auto drivers allegedly objected to this and attacked him. The youth managed to record the assault on his mobile phone.

The victim's sister shared details of the incident on X (formerly Twitter), alleging that her brother was assaulted simply for opting for a Rapido bike. She uploaded the video and urged the Mysuru Police to take strict action against the auto drivers involved.

In her post, she wrote: "Last night, around 11 pm at Mysuru City Railway Station, my 19-year-old brother was beaten up by some auto drivers for booking a Rapido bike. Since the bike taxi is a cheaper option, he chose it. However, the auto drivers insisted that he travel only in their autos. They assaulted the Rapido rider and hurled abuses at my brother. When he questioned them, they attacked him as well. My brother informed the Police, but the officers who intervened advised a compromise instead of taking action."

She added that she usually refrains from posting such incidents on social media but felt compelled to speak out after witnessing how helpless an ordinary citizen can be in such situations. "I felt deeply disturbed, and there was nothing I could do," she wrote.

The post tagged the Karnataka Director General of Police and Inspector General of Police, the Emergency Response Support System (ERSS) and Mysuru-Kodagu MP Yaduveer Wadiyar, seeking their intervention.

Obituary

Mahadeva Nayaka

Mysuru, Jan. 25- Mahadeva Nayaka (Devara Guddappa), a resident of Kumbarageri, Lashkar Mohalla, passed away last night. He was 95.

He is survived by his wife Gowramma, five sons, three daughters and 18 grandchildren.

Last rites were performed at the foot of Chamundi Hill this noon, according to family sources.

Vanajakshi

Vanajakshi (47), wife of Vishakantegowda and a resident of Bannur town, passed away yesterday.

She leaves behind her husband, daughters B.V. Amulya and B.V. Apoorva, son Nanjesh Gowda and a host of relatives and friends.

Last rites were performed at Bannur burial grounds yesterday evening, according to family sources.

T.K. Srinivas

T.K. Srinivas (58), son of Keshavegowda and a resident of Tenkalakoppal in Bilikere hobli of Hunsur taluk, passed away at a private hospital in Bengaluru yesterday.

Srinivas, who was a Rice Mill owner, leaves behind his wife Premakumari, son Sharath and a host of relatives and friends.

Last rites were performed at his native village Tenkalakoppal this noon, according to family sources.

J. Suraj

J. Suraj (30), a Video Editor and a resident of Kuvempunagar, passed away here yesterday.

He leaves behind his wife, grandparents and a host of relatives and friends.

Last rites were performed at the foot of Chamundi Hill here this afternoon, according to family sources.

Syed Dastagir

Syed Dastagir (64), a Handicraft businessman and a resident of Anegundi Road, 2nd Eidgah, Mandi Mohalla, Mysuru, passed away last evening at a private hospital, due to brief illness.

He is survived by his wife, 3 daughters, 1 son (Syed Saifulla), grandchildren and a host of relatives and friends.

Namaz-e-Janaza was performed today after Zohar Salath at Masjid Eidgah, Mission Hospital Road, Mandi Mohalla, followed by burial at Muslim Burial Ground near Tipu Circle.

Week-long drive sees surge in COTPA, traffic and petty cases

Mysuru, Jan. 24 (MK&BCT)- Mysuru City Police have intensified enforcement across the city, registering thousands of cases under various laws during a special operation conducted between Jan. 15 and 22.

According to officials, 711 cases were booked under the Cigarettes and Other Tobacco Products Act (COTPA), 2003, during the period. Daily registrations ranged from 39 cases on Jan. 15 to a peak of 142 cases on Jan. 19.

In addition, the Police registered 1,273 petty cases against individuals for creating a nuisance in public places.

Traffic enforcement formed a major part of the drive, with 1,510 cases booked against two-wheeler riders for riding without helmets and 257 cases against vehicles found using fake or missing registration number plates. Fines were collected in all these cases.

City Police Commissioner Seema Latkar said the special enforcement drive has been underway since Oct. 12, 2025.

"Since the launch of the drive, Mysuru City Police have registered nearly 12,000 petty cases and around 9,800 cases under the COTPA Act. These operations are aimed at ensuring public safety, discipline and compliance with the law across city," she said.

As part of the same enforcement initiative, Mysuru City Police have launched a focused drive against narcotics-related offences. Between Jan. 15 and 22, the Police registered four cases of drug possession, leading to the seizure of 347 grams of ganja, 34 grams of MDMA and 12 grams of hydro ganja.

Additionally, five cases were booked for drug consumption. In total, nine NDPS cases were registered during the week-long operation and 12 accused were taken into custody.

Officials said the intensified campaign is part of sustained efforts to curb the spread of narcotics in the city and ensure strict enforcement of the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances (NDPS) Act.

> We have stepped up surveillance in connection with cases under the NDPS Act. Special patrols are being conducted every day between 6 pm and 11 pm across all Police Station limits. These patrols are led by Assistant Commissioners of Police and involve teams of Police Sub-Inspectors, commando units and around 20 to 25 officers and staff.
>
> In addition to monitoring narcotics-related activities, we are also booking cases against vehicles without number plates and those using fake registration plates. The intensified operations are aimed at curbing drug-related offences while ensuring strict enforcement of traffic and public safety regulations."
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> **—Seema Latkar, Mysuru City Police Commissioner**

High Court revokes ban, permits bike taxis

Bengaluru, Jan. 24 (Agencies)- The Karnataka High Court yesterday permitted the operation of bike taxis, while allowing the appeals filed by bike taxi aggregators, individual bike taxi owners and others.

A Division Bench comprising Chief Justice Vibhu Bakhru and Justice C.M. Joshi directed the State Government to register motorcycles as transport vehicles and grant contract carriage permits.

The Bench held that while the transport authorities are not precluded from examining relevant aspects relating to vehicle registration and issuance of permits, they cannot deny registration or permits on the ground that motorcycles cannot be operated as transport or contract carriage vehicles.

The Regional Transport Authority may, however, impose conditions attached to the permits in accordance with law, the Bench clarified.

The appeals were filed by Uber India Systems Pvt. Ltd., Roppen Transportation Services Pvt. Ltd. and ANI Technologies Pvt. Ltd., challenging a single-Judge order which had ruled that bike taxi services could not operate unless the Government notified guidelines under Section 93 of the Motor Vehicles Act and the relevant Rules.

Revision in Profession Tax for February 2026

Mysuru, Jan. 24- As per the Karnataka Gazette Notification No: DPAL_08_SHASANA_2025, Bengaluru dated 15.4.2025, all the Employers, who are liable to deduct Profession Tax (PT) on employment from the salary payable to their employees, shall deduct PT for February 2026 month ONLY, at Rs. 300 per employee instead of Rs. 200. For detailed information, reference may be made to provisions of the Gazette Notification mentioned above, according to N.D. Shreenivaas of Bhavani Associates, Mysuru.

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State Budget 2026-2027 wish list

Greater MCC, Greater Police infrastructure

Congress leaders discuss requirements with City Police Commissioner

Mysuru, Jan. 24 (BLU&BS)- With Mysuru city set to expand following the announcement of upgrading the Mysuru City Corporation (MCC) into a Greater MCC (GMCC), City Police Commissioner Seema Latkar has stressed the urgent need to strengthen Police infrastructure to meet emerging challenges.

She shared her views during a meeting with a delegation of the Mysuru District Congress Committee, led by KPCC spokesperson M. Lakshmana, at her office this morning.

The meeting focused on initiating discussions to include key proposals from the City Police Department in the State Budget for the 2026–27 fiscal year.

More Stations, Quarters

Latkar said that with the implementation of GMCC, the jurisdiction of the Police Commissionerate will expand, necessitating the opening of additional Police Stations along with more Police outposts. She also underlined the need for additional residential quarters.

Stressing the importance of technology-driven policing, the Commissioner said that facilities similar to Smart City Command and Control Centres should be established.

Such centres would integrate CCTV cameras installed by various departments for effective real-time monitoring. She also cited example of Tamil Nadu Police providing caravan-like facilities for women Police personnel.

Pedestrian safety

Latkar acknowledged that pedestrians at D. Devaraj Urs Road, Jayachamaraja Wadiyar Circle (Hardinge Circle), and other busy junctions are facing difficulties due to rising traffic density.

She said the issue had come to the notice of the Police and assured that appropriate measures would be taken to ensure safer pedestrian movement.

Drug abuse, rowdyism

Former MLA M.K. Somashekar raised concerns over rampant drug abuse in many secluded areas, where abandoned farmlands and bushy tracts have become safe havens for anti-social elements.

President of the District Congress Rural Committee, Dr. B.J. Vijaykumar, highlighted the growing menace of youth indulging in rowdy activities. Responding, Latkar said that known rowdies are being warned on a daily basis to deter them from illegal activities.

Call for more Police Stations

Lakshmana demanded the opening of six additional Police Stations over and above the existing 16 in the city. He also called for strengthening the Bomb Detection Squad with advanced equipment.

Pointing out that the city has nearly eight lakh vehicles and nearly one lakh tourist vehicles moving in and out, Lakshmana stressed the need for Satellite Bus Terminals in multiple directions to decongest traffic.

Flyovers, parking and exhibition space

He further urged the deployment of four additional Deputy Commissioners of Police, relocation of the private bus stand to the outskirts, and construction of flyovers, skywalks and underpasses to ensure smooth pedestrian movement.

He proposed the development of six multi-level parking complexes, designated autorickshaw stands, and the identification of land on the outskirts for conducting exhibitions.

Those present at the meeting included DCP (Crime and Traffic) K.S. Sundar Raj, City Congress president R. Murthy, Chairman of Karnataka Exhibition Authority Ayub Khan, former Zilla Panchayat president B.M. Ramu, former Mayor B.L. Bhyrappa, former corporator Shivanna, Congress leader M. Pradeep Kumar and others.

Serial accident

'Minor' drives car, hits pedestrians, vehicles

Incident occurs at Vijayanagar; alert public hand over accused to V.V. Puram Traffic Police

Mysuru, Jan. 24 (VVH& BS)- Five persons suffered injuries and a few vehicles were damaged in a serial accident involving a car, allegedly driven by a minor boy under the influence of alcohol, at Vijayanagar in the city last night. Alert public, who chased the car to a distance, later succeeded in intercepting the vehicle and handing over the boy to V.V. Puram Traffic Police for further action.

The car, which was speedily moving from the Water Tank side at Vijayanagar 2nd Stage towards Krishnadevaraya Circle, first hit two young women pedestrians. As the passersby rushed to their help, the boy at wheels noticed them. Feared of being caught, the boy drove the vehicle recklessly in a reverse direction up to 500 metres only to hit two more persons and two two-wheelers, before speeding away from the spot.

Some of the onlookers followed the car on their two-wheelers and stopped the latter near an apartment close to Sri Yoganarasimha Swamy temple. They got hold of the boy in question and handed him over to the Police. Four occupants of the car, also minors and friends of the accused, were also taken into custody by the Police.

Speaking to *Star of Mysore* this morning, V.V. Puram Traffic Inspector Lava said that a case has been registered against the boy's father, who owns the car and imposed a fine.

Also a drunken driving case has been registered against the minor boy who was at the wheels when the incident took place.

Mysuru Plan Area doubles

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In this context, the MDA held detailed discussions on the implications of expansion and resolved to extend the **Local Planning Area** to 1,200 sq. km, bringing more villages under its jurisdiction.

Following submission of the resolution to the Government and receipt of approval, the MDA will invite objections from the public before the plan is finalised.

To facilitate this process, officials will submit detailed documentation to the Government, including maps, development proposals, and plans aligned with projected population growth and traffic density.

Land acquisition for township

MDA Commissioner K.R. Rakshith raised concerns regarding farmers in and around Bommenahalli village in Yelwal Hobli, Mysuru taluk, whose land is proposed to be acquired for a mega township project spread over nearly 2,000 acres. Farmers have sought advance payments and compensation.

After deliberations, meeting noted that MDA's primary mandate is to develop housing layouts and allot sites to the homeless in accordance with rules. It was therefore decided to acquire land under a 50:50 agreement, ensuring that farmers' demands are also addressed.

Layout approvals

The MDA approved proposals to sanction layout plans for about 450 acres of residential layouts being developed by private developers, housing cooperative societies and individuals. The meeting also agreed to release sites in fully developed layouts.

The meeting was attended by Joint Director of the Urban Development Department Krishnamurthy, Mysuru City Corporation Commissioner Shaikh Tanveer Asif, MDA Secretary K. Johnson, Superintending Engineer Manju, Town Planner Member Shivaramaiah, Chamundeshwari Electricity Supply Corporation (CESC) Chief Engineer Mrityunjaya and Karnataka Urban Water Supply and Drainage Board (KUWS&DB) Chief Engineer Subhash Sharanappa Nayakawad.

EPC model for Peripheral Ring Road

The MDA meeting also resolved to change the implementation model for the proposed Peripheral Ring Road project.

While the Detailed Project Report (DPR) had earlier been prepared under the Public-Private Partnership (PPP) model, the project will now be executed under the Engineering, Procurement and Construction (EPC) model, with the MDA itself taking responsibility for implementation.

BJP protests against Cong. Legislators

Mysuru, Jan.24 (GA&DM)- A day after the Congress staged a demonstration accusing the Karnataka Governor of acting unconstitutionally by refusing to read the speech copy of the State Government on the first day of the Special Session of the State Legislature, the Opposition BJP staged a demonstration against the unruly behaviour of Congress Legislators in the session at Ramaswamy Circle in city this morning, the same venue where the Congress staged the dharna yesterday.

City BJP Yuva Morcha President Rakesh Gowda accused the Congress law-makers of insulting Governor Thaawarchand Gehlot, who is a Dalit.

"Congress MLC B.K. Hariprasad should be suspended from the House for his unruly behaviour and goondaism. The ruling Congress should apologise to the Governor for showing utter disrespect to him during the session," he said and demanded the resignation of Chief Minister Siddaramaiah for failure on all fronts.

MCC Health Officer Out Executive Engineer In

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Until recently, Health Officers were qualified doctors — MBBS graduates with postgraduate degrees or diplomas in public health from institutions such as the National Institute of Mental Health and Neuro Sciences (NIMHANS), Bengaluru.

Many were deputed from the Department of Health and Family Welfare, bringing specialised expertise to municipal governance.

Key role in public health

Health Officers played a critical role in safeguarding public health. They led responses to outbreaks of communicable diseases, determined vaccination requirements for schoolchildren, inspected and certified food distribution during public events and ensured contaminated water samples were immediately tested to prevent the spread of infection.

They also inspected primary health centres within city limits and addressed deficiencies.

Despite this, the Government has abolished the post, sidelining trained medical professionals with specialised public health experience.

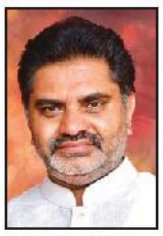
The decision has sparked widespread concern among health experts, who warn that shifting these responsibilities to Executive Engineers of the Environment Department raises serious questions about the city's ability to respond swiftly and effectively during public health emergencies.

A doctor who earlier served as Health Officer in the MCC, and has since been transferred, warned that the absence of trained Health Officers would leave a dangerous gap in disease surveillance and outbreak control.

"These responsibilities require specialised knowledge and experience," the doctor said, adding that without qualified public health professionals, managing complex health challenges would become increasingly difficult.

Public health experts fear that abolishing the post of Health Officer in City Corporations could severely weaken disease control mechanisms, leaving cities vulnerable at a time when rapid urbanisation and climate-related health risks are on the rise.

'We will speak with CM to retain critical post'



Ayub Khan

The role of Health Officers cannot be reduced merely to sanitation work. In urban areas, people frequently suffer from diseases such as dengue and cholera, and in such situations, the guidance and expertise of trained doctors are essential. We have seen how Mysuru suffered during COVID-19, and the presence of a Health Officer helped minimise the spread of the disease and the number of deaths.

An Executive Engineer of the Environment Department can guide the MCC on civil works, construction and environmental issues, but not on public health. Handing over such a crucial responsibility to that officer is a direct risk to public health. This decision to abolish Health Officer posts appears to have been taken by some senior officials without the knowledge of the Chief Minister. We will discuss the issue with Chief Minister Siddaramaiah and convince him to retain the Health Officer's post.

—Ayub Khan, former Mayor

'Absence of Health Officers won't harm MCC'

Tanveer Asif

The State Government has issued an order transferring Health Officers back to their parent department and assigning their responsibilities to the Executive Engineers of the Environment Division in City Corporations.

Earlier, Health Officers handled activities such as sterilisation surgeries for stray dogs and several other public health functions, while tasks like preparing budget estimates and calling tenders related to the health department were already being managed by Executive Engineers.

Now, all responsibilities of the health wing will be overseen entirely by the Executive Engineers. This change will bring greater efficiency in the functioning of the Health Department, and the absence of Health Officers will not cause any difficulty for the corporation.

—Shaikh Tanveer Asif, Commissioner, Mysuru City Corporation

Rs. 16 lakh excess salary bills

3 MCC staff suspended

Mysuru, Jan. 24 (SPN&BS)- Three staff of the Health Section at Mysuru City Corporation (MCC) have been suspended with a pending inquiry on charges of dereliction of duty.

First Division Assistants (FDAs) M. Pushpavathi and K.L.C. Papa and Second Division Assistant (SDA) C.H. Anitha, are those staff of the Health Section kept under suspension, according to the orders issued by MCC Commissioner Shaikh Tanveer Asif.

The trio had paid excess salary to Pourakarmikas in the months of September, October and November in 2025, including their days of absent. M. Pushpavathi had prepared excess salary bill for Rs. 1,17,081, K.L.C. Papa for Rs. 13,58,525, C.H. Anitha for Rs. 1,54,705 and the bills had been submitted to Accounts Section. Following this, primarily it came to notice that the salary was paid, concealing the period of absence of the Pourakarmikas, according to a report submitted by MCC Chief Accounts Officer.

Raju, Karnataka Rajya Nagarapalike, Nagarasabhe, Purasabhegala Pourakarmikara Mahasangha, who has welcomed the suspension of erring staff, demanded a detailed probe to unravel further truth.

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Use of nylon flags hurts Khadi Tricolour sales

A customer purchasing flags at Khadi India Store at Ashoka Circle (Ballal Circle). Picture right shows customers with Khadi Tricolours at the Khadi Bharat Store on Dhanvanthri Road.

Mysuru, Jan. 24 (MTY&BCT)- Despite Government directives mandating use of Khadi Tricolour flags bearing the ISI mark during National festivals, the widespread use of nylon and other fabric flags in Mysuru has led to a decline in the prominence of Khadi flags.

As per Government orders, only Tricolours sold through Khadi Gramodyog institutions with a Geographical Indication (GI) tag are permitted for hoisting during Republic Day (Jan. 26) and Independence Day (Aug. 15) celebrations.

Khadi flags are required to be flown in all government offices, schools and colleges to promote Khadi and village industries. However, in recent years, markets have witnessed a surge in nylon and plastic flags, contrary to the regulations.

Khadi flag sales hit

Khadi Tricolour flags are supplied from the Khadi flag manufacturing centre at Bengeri village in Hubballi and are sold through authorised Khadi India (Khadi and Village Industries Co-operative Society) outlets. In Mysuru, the Khadi India Store on Ashoka Circle (Ballal Circle) is the only authorised outlet selling Tricolours with both ISI certification and GI tag.

Traditionally, Government offices and educational institutions across the district procured their National flags from this outlet. This year, however, sales have seen a sharp decline, officials said.

Slightly higher prices

Since Khadi flags are made entirely of handwoven Khadi cloth and manufactured in strict compliance with specifications relating to size, colour, stitching and quality, their prices are higher than those of synthetic flags.

The cost has been fixed at Rs. 1,240 for a 2x3 size flag, Rs. 2,300 for a 3x4.5 size flag and Rs. 3,300 for a 4x6 size flag. As a result, private institutions are reportedly reluctant to purchase Khadi flags.

Store officials said some buyers had sought inflated billing amounts, which the Khadi India outlet refused.

In contrast, private shops selling nylon and other fabric flags reportedly issue bills for arbitrary amounts, making such flags more attractive to buyers. Principals of private educational institutions, who purchase flags using their own funds, are said to be opting for cheaper alternatives.

Flag audit

Officials pointed out that audits of Government offices and educational institutions could reveal whether Khadi flags had been purchased, while inspections during National celebrations could help enforce compliance.

In Gram Panchayat offices and Government institutions, where flags are flown throughout the year, a flag generally wears out within a year.

In schools and colleges, where the Tricolour is hoisted only on National festivals, a Khadi flag can last up to three years. Officials stressed the need for awareness campaigns to promote use of Khadi flags.

Illegal nylon flags

Most flag shops in Mysuru continue to sell Tricolour flags made of nylon and other fabrics in unauthorised sizes, in violation of flag-making norms. Displaying National flags openly for commercial purposes is also prohibited, yet several shops near Chikka Gadiyara and Vinoba Road were found displaying flags. Citizens have demanded strict action to uphold the dignity of the National flag.

"Last August, over 600 Tricolour flags were sold. Ahead of Republic Day this year, only 25 flags have been sold so far," said Ujwal Kumar, Manager of Khadi Bharat Store on Dhanvanthri Road.

He added that despite the mandatory requirement of ISI and GI-tagged Khadi flags, sales have declined as buyers turn to synthetic alternatives.

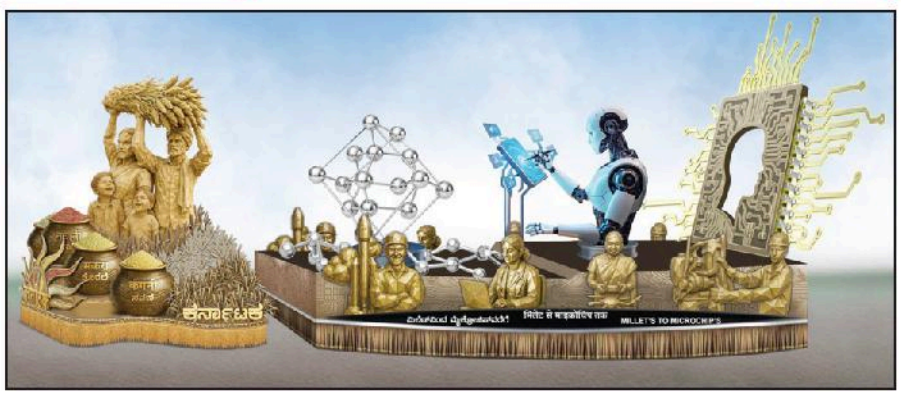
Karnataka tableau to feature at Bharat Parv, not R-Day Parade

'Millets to Microchip' tableau to symbolise State's role in building Atmanirbhar Bharat

New Delhi, Jan. 24 (Agencies)- Karnataka will not feature a tableau in this year's Republic Day (R-Day) Parade at Kartavya Path on Jan. 26. However, the State will showcase its tableau, themed "Millets to Microchip," at the Bharat Parv event at the Red Fort in New Delhi.

Although Karnataka had proposed the tableau for inclusion in the Republic Day Parade, the theme was not selected this year. Arrangements have instead been made to display the tableau at Bharat Parv, an event held alongside the 77th Republic Day celebrations.

Highlighting the State's journey from traditional agriculture to cutting-edge technology, Karnataka's tableau titled "Millets to Microchip" symbolises its contribution to building an Atmanirbhar Bharat (self-reliant India). The tableau



has been designed by the Department of Information and Public Relations (DIPR), which represents Karnataka at the Republic Day celebrations each year.

The front section of the tableau features a rising sun symbolising continuous progress, with large vessels displaying a variety of millets. A farmer, his wife, and children depict rural vitality.

The middle section highlights scientific and technological advancement, featuring a rotating molecular model, an AI-powered robot working on a computer, a rocket, a scientist, a doctor offering telemedicine services and a woman using drones in agriculture — illustrating the integration of science, healthcare and modern farming practices.

The industrial segment depicts workers operating machinery, representing Karnataka's manufacturing strength.

The final section showcases a glowing microchip surrounded by golden circuits, with a robot's face embedded in it, symbolising the State's journey from soil to silicon — traditional wisdom merging with futuristic technology. This year's Republic Day Parade will feature 30 tableaux from 17 States and Union Territories and 13 Central Government Departments.

Karnataka, Goa, Telangana and Andhra Pradesh will not participate in the parade this year due to the Centre's rotation policy, which ensures that all States and Union Territories get an opportunity to participate over time.

Cultural link missing among urban dwellers, rues Prasanna

MP Yaduveer Wadiyar attends first edition of 'Uttarayana' Art and Culture Festival at JCAC

Mysuru-Kodagu MP Yaduveer Wadiyar addressing the gathering during the inauguration of 'Uttarayana,' Art and Culture Festival organised by Jagannatha Centre for Art and Culture (JCAC), at its premises in Vijayanagar last evening. Others seen are (from left) Kannada Development Authority Chairman Dr. Purushotham Bilimale, veteran theatre person Prasanna, JCAC Chairman M. Jagannath Shenoy, former Diplomat Ravi Joshi and Vid. Anoor Ananthakrishna Sharma.

Mysuru, Jan. 24 (VVH&BS)- Veteran theatre person Prasanna has given a clarion call to youths to blend culture, that is missing among urban dwellers leading towards its peril.

He was speaking after inaugurating the first edition of five-day 'Uttarayana,' Art and Culture Festival organised by Jagannatha Centre for Art and Culture (JCAC) at its premises in Vijayanagar 1st Stage here last evening. The Festival concludes on Jan. 27.

The urban areas have deviated from culture, only to embrace commercial exploits of a market. However, Kannada and culture still prevail in rural areas, for the only reason that those who built the land had their roots in villages. To name a few of them, from the troika of Dasas to Sant Kabir, all the philosophers, have remained an integral part of Kayaka Culture, by laying a firm foundation for the cause of Kannada, said Prasanna.

However, of late, owing to rapid urbanisation and modernisation, culture is fading into oblivion. The matter of literature and art is not gaining prominence. Amid this dwindling situation, JCAC has taken shape, which is indeed a matter of pride. JCAC should contribute towards not just uplifting our culture, but spread its tentacles across the globe, he advised.

Regular feature...

Kannada Development Authority (KDA) Chairman Dr. Purushotham Bilimale delivered the main address and described language and culture as the matter of pride.

"There are several religions, languages and cultures, having their roots in other States and also the countries, which have nestled here. But the progress of Kannada has taken a backseat. 'Uttarayana'-like programmes should be a regular feature, providing a perfect platform for the growth of language and art," urged Bilimale. He assured to co-host 'Uttarayana' from next year onwards, as KDA is for the cause of Kannada.

More cultural events

Mysuru-Kodagu MP Yaduveer Krishnadatta Chamaraja Wadiyar, who participated as a chief guest, said: "Yoga, which is popular across the world, has its roots in Mysuru. Saint Ramanujacharya was patronised in Mysuru. Being such a place of eminence, Mysuru should be hosting more such cultural events to foster art and culture."

The inaugural session was followed by 'Laya Lavanya' music concert by Vid. Anoor Ananthakrishna Sharma.

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The 1st Edition of Art & Culture Festival by Jagannatha Centre for Art And Culture (JCAC) — 'Uttarayana' — at JCAC premises in Vijayanagar 1st Stage, Mysuru. Events are as follows:

TODAY (Jan. 24)

- **At Nakshatra — 5 pm to 6.30 pm:** Chandana Bala Kalyan's 'MARMA - Myriad Hues of Devotion' - Muthu Kumar and Vignesh Bhagavat.
- **At Vedika — 7 pm to 9 pm:** Drama 'Koohoo' by Little Earth Theatre (Language: Multilingual).

TOMORROW (Jan. 25)

- **At Vedika — 10 am to 1 pm:** Lecture by Lakshmeesha Tolpadi on 'Ardhanarishvara Tatva.' Bharatanatyam by Pooja and Sameeksha; **1 pm to 2 pm:** Odissi by Anushree Padmanabha; **5 pm to 6.30 pm:** Karnatak Music by Bangalore Brothers (M.B. Hariharan and S. Ashok) along with Mattur Vishwajith, B.S. Prashanth and G.S. Ramanujan; **7 pm to 8 pm:** Kathak by Nirupama-Rajendra; **8 pm to 9 pm:** Bharatanatyam by Rukmini Vijaya Kumar.
- **At Angala — 11 am to 12.30 pm:** Flute Jugalbandi by R. Balasubrahmanya and Keshava Chandra along with Ramesh Dhannur and Pranav Subrahmanya; **12.45 pm to 2.15 pm:** Karnatak Music by Surabhi Pustakam with Aniruddha Bharadwaj and Anirudha Bhat; **7 pm to 9 pm:** Drama 'Dhin Chek Pom Pom' - A children's play (Language: Gibberish).
- **At Kalyani — 5 pm to 6.30 pm:** Theatre Music - Rangataranga - Samyojitha School of Music.
- **At Nakshatra — 7 pm to 8 pm:** Mud Music Collective - Ganesh, Naveen, Rajneesh, Pavan, Akshay and Kartika.

DAILY FEATURE

- **ARCHITECTURE — 10 am to 7 pm:** A Life in Architecture - An exhibition of Girish Doshi's works at Ambaka auditorium.
- **VISUAL ART — 10 am to 7 pm:** Paytay Beedhi at Uttarayana is a preview of a larger visual arts exhibition, coming soon to JCAC. Start at Chittara and follow the Paytay Beedhi sign across JCAC to discover eight interventions ranging from exhibitions to cross-disciplinary encounters that trace the many ways art has found life in Mysore.

Workshop for aspiring women entrepreneurs held

Rotary Belthangadi and Rotary Brindavan hosts 'Unnati - Avala Pragatiya Payana'

Mysuru, Jan. 24- 'Unnati - Avala Pragatiya Payana,' a one-day workshop for identifying the right enterprise for women aspiring to become self-made entrepreneurs, was organised on Jan. 17 at Rotary Brindavan School under the District Project for Women Empowerment. It was conducted as a joint project by Rotary Club of Belthangadi and Rotary Club of Brindavan with support of all Clubs of Mysore.

More than 150 students pursuing MBA from Parivartana College for Business, GSSS Women's College, Vidyavardhaka College, Vidya Vikas College and many members of Dharmasthala SHG and Ujire SHG took part in the workshop.

RUDSETI Director Saritha was a resource person in the morning session while noted entrepreneur Swarooprani handled the afternoon session.

Sudhamani and Satyawati Sham, entrepreneurs with great experience and knowledge in the field, guided the participants.

Financial guidance was imparted by officers of SBI.

The event was inaugurated by Rotary District Governor Rtn. P.K. Ramakrishna. Valedictory was attended by District Governor-Nominee Rtn. Yashaswi Somshekar, PDG Rtn. A.R. Ravindra Bhat as guests of honour. Both advised the participants as to why and how important it is to be a self-reliant woman specially financially as an entrepreneur. Rotary Brindavan President Rtn. Manjunath presided. Chairman PP Rtn. Manorama Bhat of Belthangadi, Vice-Chairman PP Rtn. Sreenidhi Murthy and Co-Vice-Chairman PP Arunadevi oversaw the smooth conduct of the event.

WORD OF THE DAY

Astrolabe

Pronunciation: A-struh-layb (noun)
Meaning: An astrolabe is a compact instrument used to observe and calculate the position of celestial bodies before the invention of the sextant.
Origin: "Thyn Astrolabie hath a ring to putten on the thombe of thi right hond in taking the height of thinges." Thus begins a description of an astrolabe in *A Treatise on the Astrolabe,* a medieval user's guide penned by an amateur astronomer by the name of Geoffrey Chaucer. Chaucer is best known for his Middle English poetic masterpiece *The Canterbury Tales,* but when his nose wasn't buried in his writing, Chaucer was stargazing and some of his passion for the heavens rubbed off on his son Lewis, who had displayed a special "abilite to lerne sciences touching nombres and proporciouns." Chaucer dedicated his treatise to the 10-year-old boy, setting his instructions not in the usual Latin, but in "naked wordes in Englissh" so that little Lewis could understand. When he got older, Lewis may have learned that the word astrolabe traces to the Late Greek name for instrument, astrolábion.
Example: "'Renaissance Treasures' includes 2 contemporary navigational devices, a planispheric astrolabe from Persia and a pocket compass (think of them as beta-version GPS), as well as two Mercator globes. One dates from 1541 and shows the surface of the Earth. The other dates from 1551 and shows the heavens." —Mark Feeney, The Boston Globe, 9 May 2025.

THE ODD WORD

Wardroom

Quarters for ship's officers.

PHRASE OF THE DAY

Punch above one's weight

Meaning: The term 'Punch above one's weight' means performing or achieving results better than expected and beyond one's ability, skill, experience etc.
Origin: In the early 19th century, weight classes in boxing were established and boxing matches were divided into different weight categories — flyweight, lightweight, etc. Since the regulations were established, only boxers of the same weight category could fight each other. When a boxer from a lighter weight category fought someone in a heavier category, he'd be 'punching above his weight'. Today the term is used figuratively in occasions where someone tries to compete outside their comfort zone and usual class.
Example: "Although Brad isn't the best track runner, I think that if he trains hard and punches above his weight, he'll be able to qualify for the upcoming competition."

QUOTE BOX

If you fell down yesterday, stand up today. **—H. G. Wells**

RIDDLE THIS

Solve the rebus:

GIVE	GET
GIVE	GET
GIVE	GET
GIVE	GET

Answer: Forgive and forget.

SUDOKU

2		8				5		
	1			4	8			6
					2		1	
				3	7	4		
			6		4			
		7	5	9				
	6		7					
9			4	1			2	
		2				3		5

Answer to previous puzzle

2	6	1	7	4	3	5	9	8
5	9	3	2	8	6	7	1	4
4	8	7	1	9	5	6	2	3
8	1	6	4	7	2	3	5	9
7	2	4	3	5	9	8	6	1
3	5	9	6	1	8	2	4	7
6	3	8	9	2	1	4	7	5
1	4	2	5	3	7	9	8	6
9	7	5	8	6	4	1	3	2

Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Concept is Sudoku increases from Monday to Sunday.

CROSS WORD

ACROSS:

1 Christian of fashion
5 Tell all
9 Leaf drink
12 Oscar-winning Martha
13 A board game
14 To free from
15 Prayer ending
16 Cloudy
18 Summerhouse
20 Hammer part
21 The full range
23 Sister of Osiris
26 Hatches a plot
29 Oblique position or biased point of view?
30 Central Investigating Agency, acronym
31 Main force of a blow
33 French vineyard -"cur" anagram?
34 A type of tropical tree
36 Oxygenated
38 Like a ___ from the blue : rather suddenly?
39 Service surface in a church
40 Honeyed drink - "made" anagram?
42 Erstwhile
46 Capital of Tripura
49 Utilizes
50 Armed conflict
51 Gemstone found at Lightning Ridge
52 Ancient kingdom - "male" anagram?
53 Caribou cousin
54 Tel ser. provider in New Delhi and Mumbai
55 Be silly or infatuated?

YESTERDAY'S ANSWER

S	H	A	M	■	A	S	O	F	■	N	A	G
T	E	L	A	■	D	A	D	A	■	O	W	N
U	R	D	U	■	S	P	E	C	T	R	E	S
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■	■	■	H	T	T	P	■	P	E	E	L	S
I	N	C	A	M	E	R	A	■	■	M	A	I
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K	O	S	■	■	E	X	A	M	I	N	E	E
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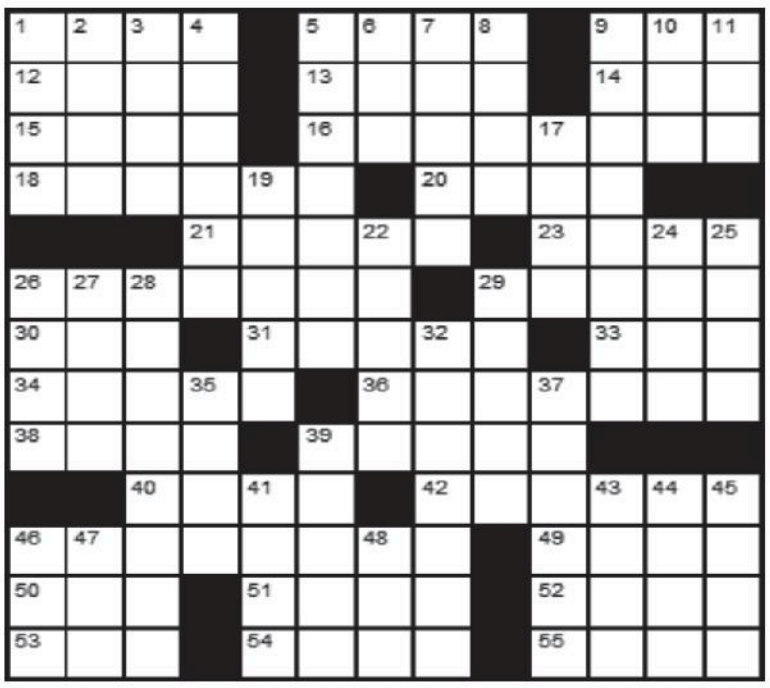
■	■	C	A	T	O	■	■	A	E	S	O	P
I	M	A	G	I	N	E	D	■	N	A	R	I
M	E	N	■	R	E	D	O	■	E	D	E	N
C	R	T	■	S	S	E	S	■	D	E	S	K

DOWN

1 Pull without lifting
2 P. Simon's '____ Rock' (1,2,1)
3 Cry of old town crier
4 Go back on one's word
5 It's a blunder but a gardener may be proud of it!
6 Brother of Kush
7 Skilled person
8 An oil-quest drilling venture
9 Do business
10 Electronic Instrument Sys.
11 Air Data Tester, abbr.
17 Overlay with wood
19 Winsome deer
22 Regular or customary
24 Concerning, in legal terms (2,2)
25 Collar fastener
26 Protective crust over a wound
27 An express of farewell or goodbye
28 Distinctive characteristic
29 Digress
32 Seven-a-side court game
35 Road to Rome - "tier" anagram?
37 Had words
39 Make suitable
41 Type of bomb
43 Norway's capital
44 Trim and tidy
45 Salinger girl
46 Reverential fear
47 American slang for a sweetheart?
48 Local Area Network



CRYPTOQUIP

The Cryptoquip is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

RBM RHS BJIYMPR RBDOWP RS BJOYCM DO

CDQM JIM QJDCGIM JOY PGUUMPP.

TODAY'S CLUE: P EQUALS S

Yesterday's Cryptoquip: Many a man fails as an original thinker simply because his memory is too good.

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  Landlord (K) - 4 Shows
- **Mahadeshwara Theatre** — **Mob: 99008-20093**
  45 (K) - 4 Shows
- **Gayathri Theatre** — **Ph: 2443568**
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- **Prabha Theatre** — **Mob: 98454-14691**

- **Lido Theatre** — **Ph: 2420885**
  The Devil (K) - 4 Shows
- **Rajkamal Theatre** — **Ph: 2423554**
  Jockey (Ta) - 2 Shows; *Hot Spot 2 Much (Ta)* - 2 Shows
- **Balaji Theatre** — **Mob: 98863-25207**
  Border 2 (H) - 4 Shows

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	(S-4)	6.40 pm
Avatar Fire & Ash (E-3D)	(S-1)	2.10 pm
Dhurandhar (H)	(S-1)	6.05 pm
Cult (2026) (K)	(S-2)	9.45 pm, 7.15 pm
Chatha Pacha (Ma)	(S-2)	1.00 pm, 10.30 pm
Mankatha (Ta)	(S-2)	4.00 pm
Magic Mushrooms (Ma)	(S-3)	10.15 am
Jockey (Ta)	(S-3)	1.05 pm
Mana Shankara Vara Prasad Garu (Te)	(S-3)	4.05 pm
3D Mercy (E)	(S-3)	7.40 pm
Baby Girl (Ma)	(S-3)	10.05 pm
Landlord (K)	(S-4)	9.25 am, 3.35 pm, 10.30 pm
Mark (K)	(S-4)	12.40 pm

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Landlord (K)	:	10.40 am, 1.40 pm, 3.35 pm
		6.35 pm, 9.30 pm
Border 2 (H)	:	11.00 am, 1.00 pm,
		7.30 pm, 9.35 pm
Cult (2026) (K)	:	12.30 pm, 4.40 pm, 6.25 pm
Avatar Fire & Ash (K-3D)	:	2.45 pm
Hot Spot 2 Much (Ta)	:	4.45 pm
Baby Girl (Ma)	:	7.45 pm

MOVIES AT NEXUS MALL

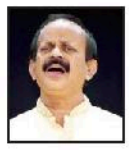
Baby Girl (Ma)	:	9.40 am, 7.40 pm
Border 2 (H)	:	10.15 am, 2.20 pm, 6.25 pm
		9.30 pm, 10.30 pm
Mana Shankara Vara Prasad Garu (Te)	:	10.45 am, 6.10 pm
Chatha Pacha (Ma)	:	11.30 am, 10.20 am
Cult (2026) (K)	:	12.10 pm, 3.30 pm,
		6.50 pm, 10.10 pm
Landlord (K)	:	12.15 pm, 3.30 pm,
		6.45 pm, 10.00 pm
Mankatha (Ta)	:	12.20 pm
Dhurandhar (H)	:	2.05 pm, 3.35 pm
Marty Supreme (E)	:	2.20 pm, 9.50 pm
Primate (E)	:	5.25 pm
3D Mercy (E)	:	7.30 pm

MOVIES AT GARUDA MALL

Dhurandhar (H)	:	9.55 am, 2.00 pm, 6.05 pm
Border 2 (H)	:	10.15 am, 2.20 pm,
		6.25 pm, 10.30 pm
Cult (2026) (K)	:	12.05 pm, 3.45 pm,
		6.40 pm, 10.20 pm
Landlord (K)	:	12.30 pm, 3.25 pm,
		7.05 pm, 10.00 pm
Baby Girl (Ma)	:	10.10 pm

EVENTS TODAY (JAN. 24)

- **Brahmavidya (recognised by Karnataka Sanskrit University, Bengaluru) and DVG Balaga Pratishtana:** Abdhipurva Utsava 'Ra.Sa. 100,' Sangeetha Darshana: Saptha Puri — Releasing of book 'Shastriya Sangeetha: A Vaidika Darshana Vignana' and Grand Karnataka Classical Music Concert on Saptha Puris of Sanathana Bharatavarsha, Vid. Dr. R.S. Nandakumar, Vidu. Dr. Radhika Nandakumar and Vid. Dr. M.A. Alwar will be present, BSS Vidyodaya, Ramaiah Road, Krishnamurthypuram, **5.30 pm.**
- **Ganavisharada Bidaram Krishnappa's Sri Prasanna Seetharama Mandira:** Vocal concert by Vid. Kunnakudi M. Balamuralikrishna in memory of the illustrious Parur School of Violin, accompanied Vid. H.N. Bhaskar on violin, Vid. Tumkur Ravishankar on mridanga and Vid. Shamith S. Gowda on ghata, Ganavisharada Bidaram Krishnappa's Sri Prasanna Seetharama Mandira, Narayana Shastry Road, **6 pm.**
- **Srujanatmaka Besuge:** Music-Drama-Science, Science and Music Fair, interaction with singer-playwright-writer-thinker M.K. Shankar, Indian Institute of Educational Theatre (IIET), Hardwicke School premises, JLB Road, **6 pm.**
- **Priyadarshan Samskrutika Vedike, Srirangapatna, Mandya:** Ramayana Discourse Series by Vid. G.N. Bhatta, social worker and cultural thinker K. Raghuram Vajpayee inaugurates, Senior Advocate O. Sham Bhat chief guest, Priyadarshan Samskrutika Vedike President Vid. G.N. Bhatta will be present, Sri Nadabrahma Sangeetha Sabha, JLB Road, **6 pm.** [Mob: 90193-76365]
- **Ganabharathi:** Sri Thyagaraja Aradhane, Sampradaaya and Divyanama Keertana by students of **Vidu. Sukanya Prabhakar** (Surabhi Ganakala Mandira, Mysuru), 10 am to 11.15 am; Singing of Pancharatna Kritis by Vidwans and Vidushis, Ganabharathi, Kuvempunagar, **11.30 am onwards.**
- **Children's Literary Club:** Programme 'Learning Beyond Syllabus - Part 3' by Dr. R. Purnima, formerly Professor of English, KSOU, presently Director, Children's Literary Club, Rangarao Memorial Residential School for the Differently Abled Girl Students, **6 pm.**
- **Ganabharathi:** Haridasotsava in memory of Padmavathi Dongre, vocal concert by **Vid. N. Srinath**, accompanied by Vid. M.D. Arjun on violin, Vid. P.S. Sridhar on mridanga and Vid. V.S. Ramesh on ghata, Ganabharathi, Kuvempunagar, **6 pm.**



- **Sadhana Mandira:** Special training sessions to perform simple and diligent Saraswati Puja by Swami Hamsananda, Sri Prasanna Mahaganapati Temple, Ganapati Temple Road, N.R. Mohalla, **6.30 pm to 7.15 pm.**
- **Bidiru Theatre, Mysuru:** Staging of play 'Rangannana Raddhanta,' written by Beluru Krishnamurty & directed by Manjunath Byate, Mini Theatre, Kalamandira premises, **7 pm.**
- **Avadhoota Datta Peetham:** 4k Projection Mapping on 45-ft tall Karya Siddhi Hanuman statue, Sri Ganapathy Sachchidananda (SGS) Ashram, Dattanagar, Nanjangud Road, **(3 Shows) 7.10 pm, 7.40 pm and 8.10 pm.**
- **International Society for Krishna Consciousness (ISKCON), Mysuru:** 28th Annual Sri Krishna-Balarama Ratha Yatra Festival, Aarti with Sankirtan, ISKCON Temple, Jayanagar 18th Cross, **8.30 pm.**

EVENTS TOMORROW (JAN. 25)

- **Mysuru District Yoga Sports Foundation and Sri Ganapathy Sachchidananda (SGS) Ashram:** Ratha Saptami and Vivekananda Jayanti celebrations, Mass 108 Surya Namaskar and prize distribution, MLA T.S. Srivatsa inaugurates, Ashram premises, Nanjangud Road, **5.30 am.**
- **Mysuru Yoga Okkuta:** 25th anniversary and Ratha Saptami, Mass 108 Surya Namaskar and Surya Yagna, Senior Journalist Amshi Prasanna Kumar inaugurates the event, Okkuta Hon. President A.S. Chandrashekar presides, GSS Yoga Foundation President Srihari Dwarakanath, APN Properties Managing Partner A.P. Nagesh and social worker Raghuram Vajpayee chief guests; Felicitation to M.K. Agrotech Limited Managing Director Suban Khan, in front of Kote Anjaneyaswamy Temple, Palace North Gate, **6 am.**
- **Trayinyas Shrividya Foundation:** Sri Shyamala Navarathri Mahotsava, Punyaha, Nandhi, Ganapathi Puja, Mahasankalpa, Kalasha Sthapana, Sathashathi Parayana, Srichakrarchana, Navavarana Puja, **8.30 am;** Sri Dwadasha Saraswathi Homa, Trayinyas, #8, 7th Main, 3rd Block, Jayalakshmipuram, **5.30 pm.**
- **Karnataka State Building and Other Construction Workers Federation:** State-level Workshop, Karnataka Building and Other Construction Workers Welfare Board retd. Secretary Vasanthakumar Hittanagi inaugurates, CWFI National Secretary Arkaraj Pandit chief guest, CWFI State President Balakrishna Shetty presides, Nanjaraja Bahadur Choultry, **10 am.**

- **Kumar Performing Arts Centre (KPAC):** 68th International Nirantara Kalemane Festival, S. Radhakrishna, retired Senior Manager, Canara Bank and Social Worker, Mysuru and K.J. Narayana Kikkeri, a Multifaceted Theatre Artiste, Mysuru, chief guests; Bharatanatyam by the students of Vedya Dance Academy, Bengaluru, under the guidance of Vidu. B.R. Vindya; Dance-drama by students of Aradhana Institute of Performing Arts, Bengaluru, under the guidance of Guru Vidu. S. Aparna; Bharatanatyam by the troupe of Dheerana Dance School, Bengaluru, under the guidance of Guru Vidu. M.S. Shruti; Bharatanatyam by Vidu. Dheena Reddy, disciple of Guru Vidu. Mamata Karanth, Bengaluru, Kalemane Auditorium, Hebbal 2nd Stage, **2.30 pm.**
- **Neralu Charitable Trust:** Releasing of Neralu e-Magazine and three books authored by Dr. Ammasandra Suresh (*Mane Managala Hanate*, *Bharata Ratna Dr. B.R. Ambedkar* and *Manavateya Mantra*); Trust Hon. President Dr. N. Gangadharappa presides, Journalist Amshi Prasanna Kumar releases e-Magazine, Dr. RaGow releases books, Hampi Kannada University Senior Professor N. Chinnaswamy Sosale speaks about the books, Senior Ayurveda Doctor Dr. A.S. Chandrashekar chief guest, Trust President Dr. Ammasandra Suresh will be present, Hotel Owners Association Auditorium, Krishnamurthypuram 3rd Cross, **10.30 am.**
- **Srujanatmaka Besuge:** Music-Drama-Science, Child Psychiatrist Dr. Shekar Seshadri delivers talk on 'Roopa mattu Tantravagi Pradarshana Kale,' Indian Institute of Educational Theatre (IIET), Hardwicke School premises, JLB Road, **6 pm.**
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Mana Shankara Vara Prasad Garu (Te)	:	12.15 pm, 6.50 pm
Chatha Pacha (Ma)	:	1.15 pm
Mankatha (Ta)	:	3.35 pm
3D Mercy (E)	:	4.40 pm
Baby Girl (Ma)	:	7.20 pm
Dhurandhar (H)	:	10.10 pm
The Raja Saab (K)	:	10.20 pm

MOVIES AT CENTRO MALL

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Cult (2026) (K)	:	1.00 pm, 6.40 pm, 10.00 pm
Hot Spot 2 Much (Ta)	:	1.00 pm
Border 2 (H)	:	1.50 pm, 5.55 pm, 10.00 pm
Chatha Pacha (Ma)	:	3.35 pm
Baby Girl (Ma)	:	4.25 pm
Teertharoopa Tandeyavarige (K)	:	6.25 pm
Magic Mushrooms (Ma)	:	9.30 pm
Mana Shankara Vara Prasad Garu (Te)	:	10.20 pm

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